

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 13, ¹⁴~~15~~, and 20-39, directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 13, ¹⁴~~15~~, and 20-39 have been cancelled.

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3. The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for claims 1-10 and 12 is presented in the Office action dated 8/10/05, and for claims 15-19 in the Office action dated 1/12/06.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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